

Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Archie R. Cole Middle School Library

100 Cedar Avenue

East Greenwich, RI 02818

6:06p.m. Executive Session, Mr. Green made a motion to go into executive session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under General Laws of Rhode Island

§42-46-5(a) (1) (2) Custodial negotiations. Mr. Martin seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Those in attendance were Mr. Robert Durant, Vice-Chair; Mr. David Green, Mr. Paul Martin, Mrs. Susan Records, and Mr. Jack Sommer (arrived 6:09p.m). Dr. Deidre Gifford and Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters were absent. Also in attendance were Dr. Victor Mercurio, Superintendent and Mrs. Maryanne Crawford, Director of Administration.

7:00p.m. Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Durant, Vice-Chair.

I. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. Public Comments

Mr. Larry Meyers and Mr. John Trombley of Schneider Electric addressed the Committee regarding an RFQ that was provided to the district in 2009. An Investment Grade Audit Agreement was signed in 2010. Mr. Meyers and Mr. Trombley asked the Committee for an opportunity to discuss the district's concerns and the next steps to move the project forward. They would like to discuss this project at the next School Committee meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular and executive for September 18, 2012

On a motion by Mr. Martin, which was seconded by Mr. Green, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the regular and executive minutes for September 18, 2012.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mercurio noted that NECAP testing began this week. Dr. Mercurio will be attending a CLO (Collaborative Learning for Outcomes) meeting in North Kingstown this week. He will provide an update on Race to The Top at a future meeting.

V. School Committee Concerns

Mr. Martin plans to visit Cole Middle School and Hanaford tomorrow. Mr. Martin would like to discuss the School Committee Scholarship at the next meeting.

VI. Action Items

a. Appointments

On a motion by Mr. Martin, which was seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve appointment #1, 2, 3, 4 listed below.

- 1. Meadowbrook Paraprofessional .6FTE- Lois Campion**
- 2. Technology Teacher .2 FTE-Cole-1 Year only-Steve Garneau**
- 3. Technology Teacher .2 FTE-Cole-1 Year only-Michael Wood**
- 4. Drama Club Co-Advisors –Cole- Elaine Colgan and Meggan Shenefield**

b. Home School Approval grade 11

This item was tabled pending further documentation.

c. Home School Approval grade 9

This item was tabled pending further documentation.

d. Home School Approval grade 2 and grade 5

On a motion by Mr. Green, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 4-1 to approve the home school request. Mr. Martin opposed.

e. Approval of contract – Assistant Principal-Cole

On a motion by Mr. Martin, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the contract for Mr. Seger subject to one edit noted by Mrs. Records pertaining to the first paragraph which should state “Assistant Principal.”

f. NECAP scores

Dr. Mercurio provided the Committee with a 2012 NECAP Science Report for grades 4, 8, and 11. Mr. Green questioned the drop at Hanaford from 81.3% proficient to 75% proficient. Dr. Mercurio will provide details. Mr. Sommer requested information regarding the scores in New Hampshire and Vermont.

VII. School Committee Reports

a. Electronic Board Meeting-Mr. Sommer, Chair

Mr. Sommer discussed software that he previewed this summer which digitalizes board meetings. The current EGSD website has the capability to do many of the same functions as the E-Board software.

b. Health and Wellness Committee-Mrs. Records, Chair

Mrs. Records discussed the Rhode Island Healthy Schools Breakfast meeting that she attended on September 27, 2012. A Health and Wellness meeting will take place within the next two weeks. She would also like to meet with district Principals. Previous Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Dillon and Mr. Houghtaling met this summer and collected data on drugs and substance abuse in East Greenwich Public Schools. This report will be distributed and discussed at the next School Committee meeting.

VIII. Discussion Items

Mr. Sommer asked for an update on I-Parent. Dr. Mercurio explained the issues in the demographic fields from the move from SchoolMax to Aspen. Data is being cleaned up and the portal should be available in a week. Dr. Mercurio will notify parents via list serv or Alert Now.

IX. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Records, which was seconded by Mr. Martin, the Committee voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:26p.m.

CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO

SECRETARY